

The Season's Serial Sensation

# In the Web of Life

The Hales Discover That Constance Has Vanished.

By Virginia Terbu Van de Water.

"I MUST go now, dear," Ralph said. He glanced at his watch in the light gleaming from the open front door. Peter would be waiting him by the time that he could walk to the place of meeting. He must not linger here a minute longer.

"I wish you did not have to go so soon," Edith regretted.

"I wish so, too," he responded. "But, dear, you know that when mother is not so well I feel I ought to set aside my own preferences."

"And mine, too?" the girl suggested with a little pout.

Of course he assured her that were he to follow the dictates of his heart he would stay right here. She said, "Oh, that is all right," and allowed him to kiss her goodnight. Yet as the man walked toward the gate he hoped Edith was not going to prove to be an exasperating dancer, while the girl, going into the house, found herself somewhat piqued that Ralph could leave her so easily even at his mother's bidding. She felt that if he loved her as he should love her he should know no superior claim on his affections and time.

John Hale looked up in surprise as his daughter entered the library.

"Where's Ralph?" he asked.

"Gone home," she informed him. Then as she saw her father's face darken, she hastened to explain her lover's departure. It was one thing for her to resent it and quite another for her parent to do so. "His mother is not well," she said. "When he called up his house a while ago Peter told him his mother was asking for him. Of course, dad, it was his duty to go to her."

Father Not Satisfied.

John Hale started to speak, then glanced at his wife and checked himself. But the girl knew he was not satisfied with her explanation. Before she could say anything more there was a sound of someone coming up on the veranda and she turned back to see who it was.

"May I come in?" asked a cheery voice, and Edward Dayton came into the hall.

"Indeed you may," exclaimed Edith, smiling brightly. She remembered in a flash how this man had championed her on the evening of the never-to-be-forgotten engagement dinner, and her heart warmed to him.

"It is an unconscionably late hour to call, I know," Edward Dayton said as Mr. and Mrs. Hale welcomed him. "But I saw your hospitable light shining from all the lower windows as I passed along the street down there, so I was sure you were all downstairs yet—and this knowledge tempted me just to run in and see you for a few minutes."

"I am glad you came," Edith told

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## Snapshots At Random

BY LILLIAN LAUFERTY.

MAIDEN MEDITATIONS.

HAPPINESS is like a toboggan. You climb up a long, steep hill gain it and you come down in one swift glide.

Women can sulk—it takes men to just merely keep still when in doubt and say precious little when dead sure. Nothing dies harder than time. When the unemployed, idle rich take to killing time, all the peace and quiet in the immediate vicinity is assassinated, too.

Independence is a praiseworthy thing—when it is logical independence. You never yet saw a tail succeed in wagging a dog.

Two-thirds of life is spent in hesitating. The other third is divided between visiting the doctor and repenting.

Given enough time, the woman of the last generation could bring up a boy. The young woman of the present age takes her time about taking him down.

There aren't any "Never-wases" in the world. It is composed entirely of Has-beens, Are-nows and May-bes.

What's the use of growling? Watch-dogs and thunder have taken care of that job ever since the world began.

Some folks complain about having to walk the dull and rugged path of life. They forget that all the while they trudge, the world is giving them an absolutely free ride around the stars.

Men endure pain as an undesired punishment; women accept it as a natural heritage. But Adam probably enjoyed the apple fully as much as Eve did, and no doubt he got the larger bite.

Half the world doesn't know what excuse the other half has for living.

In the beginning, we all got busy to obtain happiness. We end by becoming so busy that we have no time to be happy.

To say that everyone is talking about a young man is a eulogy to say that everyone is talking about a young woman is an elegy.

## German Juries Becoming Susceptible to Charms of Pretty Offenders

Berlin, Germany, July 28.—German juries are becoming as susceptible to feminine charms as their French counterparts. Rarely do we find them averse to giving the fullest credence to any extenuating circumstances which can be pleaded in favor of a murderer.

The latest acquittal is that of Bruno Wilde, an Elberfeld girl, who killed an assessor named Nettlebeck. Contrary to expectations the newspapers have unanimously supported the verdict, though the same journals are a little perturbed at the tendency to acquit "revolting heroines."

In this case, however, there was just a shadow of doubt as to whether Nettlebeck was not shot in a struggle for possession of the pistol. Also, his shooting was no great loss to society.

It appeared beyond doubt, that the assessor, who would shortly have been a judge, long used an extremely emotional weak-willed girl as a plaything, and when asked to marry her, brutally refused.

"Then I lie in the mire," said the girl.

"Better you than I," said the assessor.

The attitude of the presiding judge, who from time to time indulged in dramatic outbursts calculated to induce the defendant, also reacted in her favor. His peculiar attitude toward an expert witness has evoked amazed comment even from the local press.

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## The Chapeaux Chic

By Olivette



THE craze for small hats seems undiminished. White is favored above all colors, and to the woman of color it is most becoming.

The little white satin toque, as shown on the left, with a breast wound round its edge, seems to be the reigning favorite. In many cases they are untrimmed, but this model has a high trimming of two high quills. They are wound in white satin and at their base is a wee bow of the satin.

Brimmed like an Englishman's derby and crowned al-

most like his dress hat is this smart white hat that is sponsored by a pretty young Parisian actress.

The trimming on this small shape of white crin is as marked for daring as the hat itself is noticeable for severity of outline. It is garnished by tufts of white agrettes, the foot of each of which is hidden by a small pump bow of white velvet. Wheat, paradise or ostrich quills may be substituted for the agrettes, which are taboo in this country, greatly to the satisfaction of every bird lover.—OLIVETTE.

## Advice To the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX

IT IS IMPROPER!

Dear Miss Fairfax: Is it proper for a young woman to kiss her escort good night after they have returned from an entertainment or the like?

It is highly improper. Don't cheapen your kisses by giving them lightly to whoever chances to be your escort. Save them for the man you will some day love.

GOODNESS WINS.

Dear Miss Fairfax: A said there are more bad girls than good on earth. B said there were more good than bad.

Would you kindly decide this question?

I have firm faith in the goodness of womankind. Unfortunately there are wicked women on earth, but they are in small proportion to the vast army of noble and splendid womanhood. And never forget that even the Magdalen reformed, so there is hope that the few "bad" women who exist have in them the spark of goodness ready to be rekindled.

ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young man of 19 and in love with a girl two years younger than I am. We did not see each other for

Daily Fashion Hint

some time, and when we met we stopped to talk to each other.

Now whenever she passes me she looks me in the eyes and won't say a word to me. Should I wait until she starts to talk to me, or should I start into talk to her?

You may have given her some offense of which you are unconscious, write to the girl and ask her if you were highly insulted at her action, saying that I should have waited until lunch was served. Do you think me at fault for what I have done? E. A. B.

No man who attends seriously to business men afford to stay at parties even as late as the hour you mention. Refreshments should be served before midnight. If you said a courteous good night to your hosts you have nothing with which to reproach yourself.

DO YOU TRUST HIM?

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl 24 years of age, and have been courted by a man six years my senior. Now, this man tells me he loves me and has asked me several times to marry him, but I have refused him each time because he flirts with other girls and then denies it. My friends all tell me to give him up and that I can do a great deal better as I am of a very good family. But I like him very much, and I would break my heart to give him up. Kindly advise me what to do. V. H. C.

Do you trust this man? Or after marriage would you be ever nagging him and accusing him of flirtations with other women? Perhaps if you were to show your faith by becoming engaged and shutting your ears to malicious gossip you could break him of a foolish habit. But don't give your heart without faith and loyalty. You would spoil both your lives that way.

THE PICNIC LUNCH.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl 17 years of age and am going with a man three years older than myself. He invited me to go on a picnic with himself and five other couples, and told me to make up a box of lunch. What am I to do? My mother says it isn't proper for a girl to make up the lunch unless the fellow lays out the money before the time. There



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his play on her feelings cleverly. I am sure, however, that love as sincere as yours means much to her. Teach her how false these gossiping friends are, and urge her to give them up.

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## How Out-of-Door Life Affects Beauty

Exposure to sun and wind, dust and the elements, although often acting as a tonic to the system in general and sometimes heightening the color of the skin, is still very damaging to the refined appearance of the complexion. The open air in itself is good, but the face should always be well protected against the extreme heat, wind and dust. The girls of your acquaintance who live a great deal out of doors by no means have the most beautiful complexions. You can best protect your skin against the elements or beautify it for social life by a face-lotion which you can easily make at home by getting a ounce of vasoline from drugstore and dissolving it in a pint of hot water to which you add a teaspoonful of glycerine. This lotion is easier to apply than powder, does not rub off, looks like part of the skin, giving a natural, velvety bloom while removing skininess and surface discolorations and curing irritation and pimples.—Advertisement.

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